

(c) the names of the programmes produced by them and the amount paid by Doordarshan in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Programme requirements of Doordarshan. Track records of the Director, Executive Producer, Writer, Crew etc. are taken into consideration while authorising outside producers to produce programmes on behalf of Doordarshan.

(b) The details are as under :

1993-94	-	207
1994-95	-	314
1995-96	-	84

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Foreign Tours By Air Flights

1725. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been under the consideration of the Government to make it compulsory for the Ministers and officers of travel by Air India on their foreign tours where such services are available;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). Under the existing instructions in force foreign travel for which costs are borne by the Government of India are required to be undertaken on national carriers, where their services are available on the required days.

[English]

Tourism Infrastructure in Kerala

1726. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the tourism infrastructure in Kerala remains undeveloped;

(b) the amount of Central assistance made available for tourism development during each of the last three years;

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve private sector in the development of tourism infrastructure in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM : (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA)

(a) and (b). The development of tourism infrastructure is an on-going process and is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. However, the Central Department of Tourism sanctioned financial assistance to the tune of Rs.589.45 lakhs to Kerala Government for the development of Tourism projects during the last three years as per the details given below :-

Year	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1993-94	97.40
1994-95	307.05
1995-96	185.00
Total	589.45

(c) and (d). The Government of Kerala has identified two areas for attracting private investment. The first area is Veli-Aakulam in Trivandrum district and the other is Bekal in northern Kerala.

Agriculture Labourers

1727. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the report of National Commission on Agriculture labour;

(b) if so, when and the main recommendations made by the Commission;

(c) whether the Government have processed the recommendations and details of action taken/proposed thereon; and

(d) the mechanism proposed to regulate the working conditions of agriculture labour and ensure a fair deal for them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. A. NACHALAM) : (a) to (c). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

(d) A proposal for a Central legislation for agricultural workers is at an advanced stage of consideration of the Government.

Child Labour

1728. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether enforcement of Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 rest with the State Governments and the enforcement machinery in some of the States is weak;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any measures to strengthen that machinery; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (d). As the enforcement of Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986 rests with the State/UT governments, they are expected to have strong suitable enforcement machinery themselves for this purpose. With a view to upgrading the functional efficiency of enforcement personnel at the State level, the V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, NOIDA and four state labour institutes have undertaken programmes for training of labour and factory inspectors. So far, 598 inspectors have been trained.

[Translation]

Residential Schools for Spastic And Handicapped Children

1729. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN ALIAS PAPPU YADAV : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to open residential schools for spastic and handicapped children in various parts of the country.

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to open a residential school in Purnea, Bihar; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) No, Sir. However, Residential Schools for Spastics and handicapped children set up and run by Non-Governmental Organisations are assisted financially by the Government to the extent provided under the scheme under which the application has been submitted by the concerned non-Governmental Organisation.

(b) and (c). No such proposal is under consideration.

[English]

Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices

1730. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of Branch Post Offices and Sub-Post Offices sanctioned/set up during each of the last three years, State-wise year-wise and till date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : The details of number of Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices and Departmental Sub-Post Offices sanctioned during the last three years and till date, year-wise and Post Circle-wise are given in the Statement enclosed.

STATEMENT

Details of Number of Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices & Departmental Sub Post Offices Sanctioned During Last three Years And Till Date, Postal Circle-wise And year-wise

S.No.	Name of Circles	No. of Post Offices sanctioned during							
		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
		EDBOS	DSOS	EDBOS	DSOS	EDBOS	DSOS	EDBOS	DSOS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Andhra Pradesh	12	7	-	4	2	3	1	-
2.	Assam	26	6	-	1	-	1	-	-
3.	Bihar	90	5	-	1	-	2	-	3
4.	Delhi	-	8	-	1	-	2	-	2
5.	Gujarat	15	5	-	2	-	1	-	3
6.	Haryana	16	5	-	-	1	2	-	3
7.	Himachal Pradesh	90	2	-	1	-	2	-	-
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	23	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
9.	Karnataka	15	8	1	3	-	3	1	-
10.	Kerala	30	5	-	3	-	14	-	3
11.	Madhya Pradesh	30	5	-	4	-	3	-	-